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"On the sand-dunes of Miniwanca,
 We'll slip in the dip and roll
 the ball along, long, long -

On the sand-dunes of Miniwanca,
 We'll build a camp and keep it going strong!"

WE'RE IN THE CLUB-HOUSE NOW -

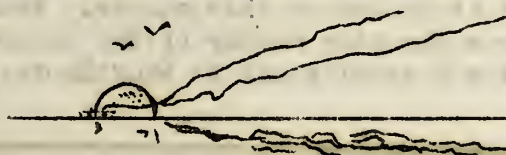
on top of our dune, overlooking Stony Lake. We're singing all the old songs and lots of new ones too. The fun is on! But before we go to our various interest groups this afternoon, let's listen to some important announcements.

THE CAMP HAS BEEN ALL READY

for us since Early June. Charlie Thompson supervised the building of the new Crafts House, with fine fireplace and all, and erected the substantial front railing by the flag-pole. And the new additions to the cement playground will enable us to have some good tennis practice, some snappy handball games, and learn how to play paddle-tennis well. These are mighty hot days and we'll be all sizzled up unless we take advantage of the woods and the lakes and equipment here at camp. Let's really enjoy the cool breezes from Lake Michigan.

I CAN'T TELL YOU

how swell the new dock arrangement will be, and we'll surely learn to "pull together" as we paddle that new war-canoe up and down the lake. And over in the Eating Lodge there are newly painted tables and trays "fit to serve a King."



Finally, in the main unit, there is a beautiful and significant new four-fold, "I Daro You" building. It will contain materials concerning the four sides of our lives - the physical, mental, social and religious. It will prove to be an inspiration to all of us when we visit it.

BUT EQUIPMENT ALONE DOES NOT MAKE A CAMP.

Miniwanca is known for its trained and purposeful leadership. Before we introduce the leaders for 1935, may I present words of greeting from a few former leaders in our Younger Boys' Camp? It was Bob Lundy who taught the first Ideals Class in 1930. Bob sends his regards to us:

"Distance prevents me from returning to Miniwanca for a much-coveted visit. I live over again that fine class in Christian Ideals we had the first summer. Hope all the boys of that younger camp have now gone on into the Older Boys' Camp. You may not now realize it, but you are having some of the best days of your life. Take my advice and get all the camping you can, under Christian Leadership, in the American Youth Foundation camps. Fraternally yours"

Bob Lundy, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Richford, Vermont.

And a number of you will remember Carl Erdman during 1932 and 1933, who writes from Waianae, Territory of Hawaii:

"Hello Founders! I've been enjoying summer weather for some time here in Hawaii, but I surely miss Miniwanca. Waikiki Beach compares favorably with Lake Michigan, but we don't have any fresh-water lakes like Stony Lake for good ol' swimmin'. I'm working on a sugar plantation located 35 miles from Honolulu. The cane fields are perched between the sea and the mountains - beautiful scenery. We arise before dawn every morning to avoid working in the hot afternoon sun. Aloha." - Carl

Dr. Chandler M. Brooks taught Outdoorscraft in the 1930 camps. He and his father, Dr. Earle Amos Brooks, have served in the Founder Camps for years. Some of us wish we could crawl into Chan's suitcase and take a trip with him sometime, for here are his words of friendship from Baltimore, Maryland:

"The one piece of news concerning me this summer is that I am to attend the XV International Physiological Congress in Russia. The summer will be full of new experiences, for Mrs. Brooks and I will visit Sweden and Finland on the way over and Poland and Germany as we return. I will present a paper before the Congress so this is partially a business engagement. I am still a member of the Johns Hopkins Faculty, Dept. of Physiology. The southern weather is not so "hot". Best Wishes" - Chan

Before we go on with this Assembly Program, and introduce the 1935 leaders, I would like to share some notes from a few former younger boy campers. P "Bugs" Rouman, of the 1930 and 1931 Y.B.Camps sends his greetings and hopes to see many of his camp friends at Miniwanca this summer. Paul graduated from high school this month, and was the star member of the Senior Class Play cast. Lewis Bose has applied for a scholarship to Swarthmore. He's trying to arrange

his summer to attend the Older Boys' Camp. Our old buddy Don Burger, from "New Joisy" writes from Irvington saying he has tried working the last two summers but is really making plans to come west and camp with us again at Miniwanca this year. I like Don's spirit, as his closing paragraph puts it: "You know, Gus, once a fellow has gotten into the swing of Miniwanca it's a hard thing to get out of it." We'll be seein' you Don!

From week to week dozens of former Younger Boy Campers keep us posted on their many activities throughout the land, and we're really sorry we don't have time to hear a word from each and every one of them today.

WHEN WADJEPI AND I VISITED CAMP

overnight on May 13th, we went trout fishing from 6:30 to 8 that evening in Stony Creek. We didn't catch anything because we didn't have the right kind of worms. (Ha!) But the fish promised to be larger, and better able to bite in June and July. So-o-o-o be sure to bring your fishing tackle if you expect to land some of those great big ones.



AND MAY I REMIND YOU

to pack your tennis racquet (and your paddle tennis racket if you happen to have one). Remember to put that bow you made last summer right by your suitcase so you won't forget it - because you know it won't fail you in the meets. And it is necessary to have everything you bring to camp plainly marked with your name or symbol.

AT THE CAMP STORE

we'll have tennis balls for sale. You will also be able to buy, as always, postcards, stationery, stamps, flashlight supplies, small quantities of candy (5¢ a day limit) and little odds and ends for your convenience.

EACH FELLOW HAS HIS OWN CAMP CHECK-BOOK

and each time he makes a purchase he writes a check for the amount involved. At the end of the camping period the cancelled checks are returned so you can check your account and see that everything is correct.

THE CAMP ORCHESTRA

this year will probably be the best one we ever had. More leaders than ever before are bringing their instruments, and we have some champion players among the registered campers. In addition to the orchestra work, let's remember the fun we can have in the Council Circle playing our instruments. This year we plan to have more fellows play solos at Hillside and in the Sunday morning services. Be sure to bring YOUR instrument.



LET'S GET ON WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

and hear what some of the recent campers are doing. Teddy Weakley went to Country Day school for the winter and had lots of fun playing football, basketball and baseball. When school's out he will move up to their country home. He'll be with us for sure. Johnny Christian wants to know "how all you fellows are getting along? We are having rainy weather here in Huntington, W. Va. Hello to all."



Murch says "HOWDY - Now that the Chain Letter situation is all cleared up I can devote my efforts to something else. I've hitched up for another seven week "free-for-all", so I'll be seein' you in a few days. That sailboat regatta is in the well-known burlap????(last year the crew of Leavenworth, Landon and Murch tuzzled with a mudbank). Jim Orwig and I are out for track (polevault and 440) and between us a lot of energy is wasted. School is on it's last lap - "tough" - and so am I. I'll be seein' youse guys soon."

And from Scarsdale, New York Jim Compton says "Hi there - This last week I had more fun than I've had for a long time. Our Troop #3 had it's annual trip. We slept in pup tents Friday and Saturday night. Saturday afternoon we had a swim and the water was much colder than at Miniwanca. After supper our Scoutmaster told us some stories of his experiences as we sat around the fire, which were very interesting. Swimming and sleeping out of doors made it seem like camp again."

"I got a new fishing rod for my birthday", writes Dave Jewitt, "and hope to do a lot of fishing at camp this summer. A few weeks ago I won the State Solo Contest, and am now Junior State Champion on the Clarinet for Ohio. Several days - and we'll be back on the sand-dunes. Sincerely yours." Billy Richards of Pekin, Illinois is "making a 15 foot canvas-covered Kayak. Here's hoping it floats. Hope to see you all in a few days now." And way down near the Blue Ridge Mountains we hear the voice of Cartor Allen in Elkins, W. Va. "Hello pals - doing my best to get a few boys to go to camp with me this summer. Can hardly wait till this summer for camping, and fishing and EATING. So-long." And Don Wells from Shaker Heights, Ohio went to Bermuda for a vacation. "I saw a whale and went sailing and fishing. I am now in Junior High School. Hello."

Marvin Boisseau says he's "getting along well in school and baseball, and recently I had a good part in a presentation of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". My dog I mentioned in a previous "TRAIL" is coming along all right. I hope to see each one of you at camp." Here's news from Galosburg, Illinois - "Jack and Bill Torry, Nod Landon and Dave Carley have been playing golf together, and all four of them are counting on camp for sure." Out in Wichita, Kansas we hear words from Dave Jackman: "Only 35 more days (from May 14) till camp. I am working on Saturdays now and saving all the money I get for this summer. School is out May 29th. I am going to Colorado for a week, starting June 1st. I'll be seeing you, along with my brother, at camp. Sincerely yours."

Jumping back to St. Louis, Jim Orwig is telling all the gang to be sure and get back this year "because from what I gather it will be better than ever with the new dock, Crafts House, etc. I'm on my way back for my sixth year -

and wouldn't miss it for anything. So long gang, and I'll be seein' you." George Orndorff (Duff to you) from Evanston, Illinois ends the list of camper announcements with a strange greeting "Bong Jours, monswores - (forgot it) - Hi Everybody! Gosh, I think more and more of camp every day and surely hope I can be back this summer. Those new docks ought to be swell, eh what? They tell me I have to leave for school now, so So Long."

MY, OH MY, WHAT AN ISSUE THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN

if all our friends had sent in their post cards! But honestly, I would like to have had the job of cutting all the stencils and passing on the news to you. No doubt you are extremely anxious to get a long-distance introduction to some of the leaders for the unusual 1935 camp, so here goes for a word of welcome - until you make their friendships on the camp grounds. And remember, that each one of you will have one of these fine college men as your tent "Dad". Of course, we all get to know all the leaders, because we enjoy ourselves with them in so many of the activities. "Here they are" -

"GARY" ALLEN - "I wish that it might be possible to be in camp at the present moment - for just at the time when I should become most absorbed in studies for the finals, along comes swell ideas for this summer, or a memory of some incident of the last three seasons. But in a month we'll be in action - so I'll be seein' yah."

"BOB" SHANK - "I have had letters recently from several of last year's campers. They all seem almost as anxious as I am to return. At present, plans for the coming Commencement are keeping me rather busy. I am looking forward to camp as much almost as to the graduation exercises. It will be swell to get up there on those good old sand dunes once again. This coming summer will see the biggest and best Younger Boys' Camp yet, I'm sure. I'll be with you in a very few days. Gus has asked me to take the St. Louis delegation up to camp on the 18th, so I'm especially looking forward to meeting that gang!"

HARVEY WHITING - "I'm right in the midst of my final examinations here at the University of Toronto, and the amount of extra time that I have is virtually nil. Nevertheless since the waterpolo season has concluded (and I just hate to say we won the championship) I have been spending an hour or so every day playing tennis, and have great expectations for next summer. My brother who arrives from Japan in June is planning on joining me at camp this summer. He is an excellent tennis player and has been training with Japanese players for a year so that I will also have good competition. I'm especially looking forward to sailing at camp with great enthusiasm. Sincerely."

"DAVE" ORWIG - "We are rounding the last bend in the long wait for the start of camp. That starting day just does not seem to get here fast enough. I have been up to my ears in finals and last minute work for graduation. The bracelet business has had a sharp revival, and I hope to have a few new tricks to show you when we meet in camp."

GORDON "SQUAWMAN" LETTERMAN - "Hello Fellows - Well, it's only a few days now before we set foot on our beloved camp grounds. I'm counting on a great time with the new war canoe, and all the other improvements, and it surely will be great to see you all on the 19th."

AL "NEPTUNE" ALSPACH - "Just tell all the boys that they should prepare for the time of their lives. And the leaders will be surprised too. I'm still studying law, and only hope I can make camp on time. I'm going to be an usher at the George Taylor-Virginia Whomsloy wedding in June. (Old-timers will remember George as a leader in 1933, and Virginia is a graduate of the Older Girls' Camp.)

AND HARRY MONROE IS COMING BACK

to head up the Recreational Program. He doesn't have much in the way of news, but says - "My high school baseball team has been having fair success. We have won 7 and lost 4 so far, but we've scored 115 runs to our opponents 54. Then too, we are playing some schools that are much larger than ours. School will be out soon, and I'll be glad to change from teaching to camping." Harry has been in the Younger Boys' Camp each year since it's beginning, except 1934, and we'll all be glad to have him back again. And his brother Wayne, who was a Y.B. Camper many years ago, is also coming along to serve us. Welcome Home!

AND STEVE ZETTERBERG

an Honor Camper of several seasons, is coming all the way from Pomona College in California to be a leader. He gives us this advance message: "California is all right but as summer draws nearer I am thinking more of sand dunes than orange trees. If the car holds out I hope to see you fellows at camp soon."

JOHNNY MAC BEAN AND DON ROBERTS

are again heading up the Crafts Department. Both are busy men and asked to be remembered to the gang. There will be plenty of action, and lots of new tricks shown in that Crafts House this summer. Just leave it to these men!

AND NOW TO INTRODUCE SOME OF THE NEW MINIWANCA LEADERS

in our Y.B. Camp. You won't be able to keep yourself from liking these splendid new leaders on the staff. And now for their "hellos" -

CLARENCE "MAC" MC CALL, who is President of his Class in Older Boys' Camp, and an honor student at Berea College in Kentucky. "Mac" is an all-round man! We know these "southern gentlemen" are just all right. Mac says - "Tell them I'm going to do what I can to help in tennis and other athletics. Four-fold development includes using your body. Jesus could use his body more strenuously than any of the other disciples simply because he had always kept training rules. If we can be athletes and remember that we have our best example in Jesus, we will be more than just ordinary fellows." Your Pal."

STANLEY "STAN" MENNING, is a tried and true worker with Boy Brigade groups and comes from across the lake, in Neenah, Wisconsin. Says "Stan" - "At that picturesque spot called Miniwanca, for whose ideality in camping none surpasses, it shall be my pleasure to greet you, work and play with you, one and all. I look forward to our experiences and fellowship together with great expectations. You'll soon know me, and I shall you, by our first names. When you see a tall, lanky leader just call him "Stan" and this big boy will be trying hard, as you will be, to make the 1935 Y.B. Camp the best ever. So long 'til the 19th."

DONALD BECK comes all the way from New York City to add strength to our Water-front Department. And it would be impossible to tell you all the things this Don can do. All Don's seem to be versatile! Listen to his greetings: "I haven't a thing to say except that I am looking forward to Camp Miniwanca this summer, and I hope to see you on those new docks very shortly."

PALMER STILL, whom many of you remember from his working in the kitchen last summer, can do a lot of things besides wrestle dishes. Says he: "Hello again - pleasant days are sneaking up on us. In less than two weeks we will be at camp together. I am looking forward to those days in Y.B. with a great deal of pleasure. Well, so long until I see you on the 19th for sport, comradeship and a gay good time on the sandy dunes."

FRED BREWSTER camped at Morrowvista in 1931 and 1932. He is the managing editor of the "Oberlin Review". And I had better not start telling you all the many things this little fellow can do. He's only 6 ft. 4 inches tall and you may have a hard time distinguishing him from Stan Menning. I'll say we're going to have a BIG staff of good leaders this summer!

AND SEVERAL MORE OUTSTANDING LEADERS

are almost sure of joining us this summer, but are forced to make last-minute decisions. We all have our fingers crossed, that these men may be introduced in person on Wednesday Night, June 19th.

WITHOUT A DOUBT

we're set for one of the finest camps ever conducted at Miniwanca. If that close chum of yours hasn't signed up as yet, and you really would like to have him join you at Miniwanca, be sure to write us "special delivery" or telegraph the Founder Office in St. Louis immediately.

YOUR PARENTS WILL BE RECEIVING THE NECESSARY

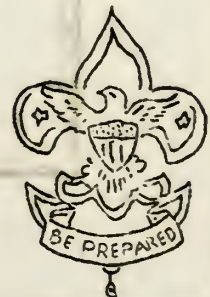
final instructions on travel, and a complete list of articles for you to bring with you to camp. If you have some little tricks, or hobby stuff, and particularly stunt costumes, masks, funny hats, etc. be sure to bring them along. There will be lots of chance to use them in Council Circle and on stunt nights and when we have the big Masquerade.

YOU WON'T HAVE TO BRING YOUR SLED -

for we have our own fleet of toboggans for sliding down the 300 ft. slope of Old Baldy. And what fun it is! Yes, the big barbecue is on the board again this year, and any of you who want to can see the whole butchering process. And do we eat that day?

WHEN YOU COME TO CAMP "BE PREPARED"

to work on your Scout requirements, you who are Boy Scouts. Many of our leaders were outstanding Scouts in their day, and will be glad to help you brush up on your tests.



NINETEEN STATES - THINK OF THAT -

boys and leaders from nineteen states are registered for the Younger Boys' Camp right now, and more states are yet to be heard from. Here is the present line-up - Kansas, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Louisiana, California, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Minnesota and Ontario. Won't it be great to "rub shoulders" with fellows from such a wide range of states - and they are all dandy boys too! Miniwanca campers are all hand-chosen.

WELL, IT'S TIME TO END THIS BIG ASSEMBLY PROGRAM.

We'll be waiting for you at the top of the hill on the 19th, and our chef will be waiting for you too. What meals will come from those new stoves this year! Bring your best appetite with you and be ready for a big, happy time when we eat, when we play, when we swim, when we hike, and all the time..... for Miniwanca is a happy camp and you are going to have the time of your life when you get there.

Sincerely,

GUS

AND NOW FOR A CLOSING WORD FROM OUR FRIEND "WADJEPI"

"I'll be right there waiting for you, when you pull into camp on Wednesday, the 19th of June.
I've been in camps for twenty-seven years straight, hard running and somehow I just feel that this year is going to be the best year of all. We started planning this 1935 camp way back in September and have been working on it ever since.
Miniwanca has a way of digging the "best" out of us and that's good, for no boy wants to be a "half pint" fellow if he has "gallon" capacity. You get me, don't you?
So, come one boys - Let's make this camp a winner!
I'm with you 100%.

Sincerely,

WADJEPI

